GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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WORLD BANK SPONSORED NUTRITION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received requests from the State Governments to sanction World Bank sponsored nutrition projects under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme which is pending with the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon;

(c) the reasons for the delay in according sanction by the Union Government; and

(d) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) The Ministry has received requests from some States for their inclusion in the proposed World Bank assisted Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) IV Project. On the basis of a study conducted by the World Bank viz., 'Mapping and Profile of "Target" Districts-India ICDS Program' for identification of "Highest ICDS Need Districts" and best practices experience of the States, 8 states have been identified for coverage under the proposed Project. The Ministry is presently in the process of taking steps essential for preparation of the project such as Project Implementation Plans (PIPs).

(c) There is no delay in the sanction of the proposed Project. The Project is presently at the preparation stage and needs processing at various levels before its final approval by the Competent Authority in the Government of India and the World Bank.

(d) Although no fixed time frame can be projected at this stage, the implementation of the project is likely to commence during the financial year 2008-2009.